

William Coleman Killed In Crash In Provo Canyon

A Provo canyon collision between a truck and an automobile fatally injured William Coleman, 81, Heber, Wednesday at 4:50 p.m. Mr. Coleman died at 10:15 p.m. in the Heber Hospital.

He suffered broken arms, shoulder blade, broken leg and other injuries in the accident. Three other persons escaped serious injury, according to Troopers Lawrence Clark and Lt. L. A. Christensen, who investigated.

Driver of the truck Ray T. Behunin, Provo, escaped possible death by drowning when he jumped clear of his machine before it plummeted into the Provo river after the impact, disappearing under deep water.

Also injured was the driver of the automobile, Mrs. Bert (Sylva) Coleman, daughter-in-law of Mr. Coleman, who received abrasions and shock. Her 8-year-old nephew, a passenger, was uninjured.

Officers said the accident occurred one mile west of Vivian park when the southbound Coleman auto collided with the loaded truck belonging to Lee Sand and Gravel Co., Provo.

Mrs. Coleman attempted to swerve her machine away before the impact, but still hit the truck almost head-on, demolishing the right front part of the car, officers said. Damage was estimated at \$800.

The truck plunged off the steep embankment to the right of the highway into the river channel, which was unusually deep in the spot as a result of a land slide near there several years ago which has backed up water. The vehicle was carried 50 feet downstream by swift current, completely submerged and out of sight.

Funeral services for Mr. Coleman will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle with Bishop Leonard Giles of the Heber 2nd Ward in charge. Friends may call at the residence, 148 W. Center, Friday evening and Saturday until time of services.

Burial will be in the Heber cemetery.

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